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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, KELLEYS FIELD,
Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the KELLEYS FIELD, Jackson Parish, Louisiana.

1. To redefine the top of the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Kelleys Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, insofar and only insofar as to the existing unit designated CV RA SUI, which unit is shown on an attached plat, as occurring at the depth of 10,300 feet (electric log measurement) in the Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.--Harris et al No. 1 Well, located in Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 2 West, Jackson Parish, Louisiana.
2. To confirm the unit designated CV RA SUI as remaining in full force and effect for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, as proposed to be redefined herein.
3. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Kelleys Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, is currently defined as to CV RA SUI in Office of Conservation Order No. 633-D-5, effective February 21, 2006.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, 305 LaRue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Bill McAlister at (337) 233-9839 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

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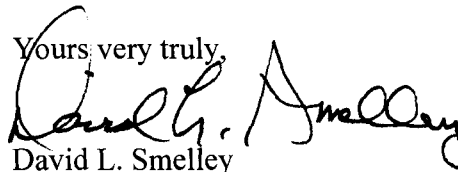
Applicant has heretofore received from you a waiver of the pre-application notice requirements and Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedure effective October 11, 1983; and, therefore, Applicant has not considered such requirements applicable.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list. If any of these parties desire to confer with Applicant concerning these proposals, they are hereby notified that a conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 28, 2007, at the offices of the undersigned. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT ANY PERSON RECEIVING THIS LETTER ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE. This is merely an invitation to attend and participate if you so desire. Any person intending to attend the conference is requested to so notify the undersigned in order that adequate space for the conference can be arranged.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Kelleys Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



--- David L. Smelley
Attorney for Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.

DLS:dp

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Kelly Beckham (w/encls.)
Mr. Bill McAlister (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

